

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Teresa Lawson, 2023 recipient of the Professional Award by the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Teresa Lawson of Knox County, who was recently named the 2023 recipient of the Professional Award by the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy was created to honor those who steadfastly work to improve the lives of seniors in the Knoxville community, as the award's namesake did throughout his career; recipients are professionals and community members who have been nominated in recognition of their tireless efforts on behalf of seniors; and

WHEREAS, born in Alabama and raised in Knoxville, Teresa Lawson graduated from Maryville College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in art with a special interest in American Sign Language; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson has served as a supportive services coordinator at The Manor since 1998, in which position she was instrumental in moving all of the residents and programs to The Manor at Northgate in 1999; and

WHEREAS, she previously worked with adults and children with mental illness at the Lakeshore Mental Health Institute and subsequently worked in group home settings; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lawson has donated her time and talents as a site supervisor for the Senior Companion Program and a member of the Senior Information and Referral Advisory board; she has also volunteered for the Bill Williams Bass Fishing Tournament and aided in fundraising for child advocacy agencies and many other charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she is a 2011 graduate of the Community Action Committee's Community Leadership program, and she has traveled to Nashville with Leading Age to advocate for the needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lawson has worked tirelessly to serve seniors in her community, and it is most fitting that she be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor Teresa Lawson, the 2023 recipient of the Professional Award by the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy, extending our best wishes for her continued success as she compassionately and devotedly endeavors to serve others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.